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ALUMNI BULLETIN

Ralph H. Green, O.D., D.O.S., Dean, Massachusetts College of Optometry, 1946–65

DEDICATION . . . . .

In this one word are two significant meanings. First this issue of the Alumni Bulletin is dedicated to Dr. Ralph H. Green, Dean of the Massachusetts College of Optometry since 1946.

Secondly dedication is the word which keynotes the thirty-five years of service given by Dr. Green since he made the transition from student to faculty member and officer of the College those many years ago.

Immediately following his last official act on Commencement Day, June 4th, Dr. Green took another transitory step going from Dean and Officer of the College to private citizen and optometric practitioner.

Since the major reorganization of the present College which took place in 1946, Dr. Green's efforts and influence have been reflected in the steady progress of the institution. From the acquisition of the Horace Mann building to the recent addition of the adjoining Copley-Methodist Church site he has not retreated in the expenditure of his resources.

Involvement in virtually every aspect of the operation of the College has been the trend of Dr. Green's long association. Over the years following his student days he became first an instructor then progressing to Director of Clinics. In 1940 he received the assignment of Assistant Dean and six years later with the forementioned organizational changes he was appointed Dean of the College and was elected to the Board of Trustees as Vice-president of that governing body. Additionally the areas of professional and educational societies were entered into as well as the maintaining of a faculty position and a part-time practice. In a breakdown of these major categories of activity are innumerable subheads of functions relating to the positions of Dean, Vice-President and faculty member of the College.

Those, and they include virtually every alumnus who graduated after 1930, who had Dr. Green as a teacher could not but help remember the encyclopedic fund of professional knowledge brought to his classes. This contribution alone stands as testimony of his value to the College.

The lofty position of the College in regards to its academic excellence is testimony to his abilities as an academic administrator.

The ascending pathway of the College's progress speaks for his efforts as an officer of the College. And the best wishes of alumni, students, colleagues, faculty, administrators, and friends voice the esteem in which this dedicated man will always be held.

. . . . . Immediately below is a reproduction of the invitation that has gone out to all alumni. If you have not yet replied may this serve as a reminder. Send all responses in care of the Testimonial Committee at the College, 178 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

You are cordially invited to attend a
Testimonial Banquet
in honour of
Dr. Ralph Green
upon his retirement as
Dean of the Massachusetts College of Optometry
Wednesday evening, June 16, 1965
at the Chestnut Hill Country Club
91 Algonquin Road, Newton, Massachusetts
Cocktails 6:30 P.M. *Dinner 7:00 P.M.*
Ladies Invited *Subscription $10 per person*

Make checks payable to Testimonial Committee, Alumni Association, MCO.

THE COLLEGE CURRENT

With the advent of Spring this year, as in the many years past, came the "Board" exams and "Finals" both of which the student body will have wrestled to the mat by the time this issue is being read.

And with the advent of Spring also comes the annual and traditional "Eye-Ball." Nothing succeeds like success and after last year's gala event this year the Eye-Ball Committee headed up by David Ferris certainly had to aim high. But hit the mark they did and produced a winner.

Held at Fantasia's in Cambridge, the affair was a happy combination of good food and good fellowship with virtually everyone at the College in attendance.

Presentations were made to Congressman Torbert Macdonald in recognition of his efforts in obtaining government assistance for optometric students, and to Calvin Perry, named outstanding Senior by the entire student body.

Door-prizes contributed by American Optical and Bausch & Lomb went to the holders of the lucky numbers and then followed several hours of dancing to the most contemporary and some fairly ancient folk dancing.

Tragedy of the evening was the forced absence of Chairman Dave Ferris and his charming wife, both taken at the last moment by some mysterious "bug."

This one all-student event of the academic year is one that should be encouraged and one that could become the ideal place for students, faculty, and alumni to get together in celebration of a common bond!

. . . . . Upon the stage of the New England Life Hall in Boston on the afternoon of Friday, June 4th, a Senior class of some 23 young men received their testimonials of having completed 4 years in optometric education. This was the 71st commencement exercise held by the College and it also honored Lieutenant Governor Elliot Lee Richardson and Mr. Joseph Salerno, Chairman of the State Board of Education, who both received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

. . . . . Admissions and enrollment for the coming academic year is progressing on schedule with a more than noticeable trend towards students applying for admission with advanced standing. Many of these applicants have not only attended a previous liberal arts college but have also attained a previous degree. This would definitely point out the increased academic quality of our entering students.

There continues to be demand for admission into the First Year class with a very gradual but increasing number of young women seeking admission and making inquiry about the profession.

. . . . . Again this year it behooves all alumni to bend their efforts to the assistance of your fledgling colleagues in helping them get established in the undeniably unfamiliar professional world of optometry.

Calvin G. Perry, President, Class of 1965

STUDENT VIEW

As one tries to review the activities of the Class of 1965 at the Massachusetts College of Optometry, he is dealing with a large cross section of backgrounds and interests. The class numbers twenty-three, a small class by all standards, except when measured against ambition and desire to get out into the active practice of our chosen profession.

Geographically, the class is made up of students from Aroostock County in Maine, to Miami, Florida; and Marblehead, Mass. to Benkelman, Nebraska. The larger percentage does however, come from Massachusetts, and particularly the greater Boston area. For the most part, the men plan to return to their homes to enter practice. There are, however, several men who have heard the quote, "Move West Young Man - Move West!" and plan to do something about aiding the population explosion in our western states.

Most of the men will not get the opportunity to hang out their shingle until the end of the summer, as they will be involved in the summer course given at the clinic.

It is quite an experience to look back over a period of time - in this case four years, and to review in your mind, the highs and lows of what, in some cases, has been an exciting academic career. Each man, I'm sure, can pick out the peak of his training. It probably came during the spring of our sophomore year, or the fall of our junior year, when there seemed like there was no end to what was yet to come, and what we'd already had was in itself overwhelming. Despite the presence of low points, there were enough high ones to keep us going. Our senior year was a full one, and passed the fastest. We are at the end of that year now, and have matured to the point where we realize that next year, and the years following that, are the real tests. We are, however, confident of our preparation and our own ability to make it as professional men.

CAN YOU USE AN AGENT?

Dr. John E. Callinan, Co-Chairman
Class Agent Committee

We certainly hope so. Wherever you are, if you are an alumnus of The Massachusetts College of Optometry there is an agent looking for you.

The agent in this case is not the kind that show business types avail themselves but one of your own former classmates.

The College Alumni Association in an effort to increase the quality and quantity of liaison between itself and it's membership, has appointed at least one agent for every class.

The duties of the class agent are to provide information concerning current Alumni projects, faculty and curriculum changes at the College, possible Alumni meetings in your area and other general optometric news.

Unfortunately for some Alumni their last contact with the College and its faculty was the day of their graduation. Since that day many changes have occurred to both parties. So tell us about your changes and we'll send you news of ours.

By now you have probably been contacted by your class agent and received your College Alumni Questionnaire. We urge your prompt return of these questionnaires to your class agents as the information contained therein will aid greatly in shaping future Alumni policies and generating new Alumni projects.

For most of the questions a yes or no answer will not suffice. Therefore we ask that they be given some serious thought.

The Alumni Agent is your direct link to the Association. Your questions to the Association will be given his personal attention and much information from the Association to the Alumni will come through him.

The New England Optometric Convention in March afforded an opportunity for many of the class agents to assemble and discuss aspects of the current drive toward more active Alumni participation in the Association. Many worthwhile projects were proposed and it is hoped some action can be initiated on them in the future.

The Alumni of the College are to be congratulated on the record breaking attendance at this year's Alumni Association Dinner. If this turnout is an indication of future Alumni support then the Association will soon reach the position of stature and influence that it should enjoy.

Perhaps the only somber note of the luncheon was the inferred retirement plans of Dr. Ralph Green, Dean of the College for many years.

The Alumni Association must have an active and well-informed membership in order that Optometry in general and the Massachusetts College of Optometry in particular may keep pace with the demands of an expanding population.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert McNulty, O.D.
Chairman, Scholarship Committee, M.C.O.

Presently at M. C. O. there are available seventeen scholarships totaling $4,675.00. In addition to these, loans available through professional and governmental sources make it possible for any student in financial difficulties to complete his optometrical education. The scholarships break down as follows:

The Maurice H. Saval Scholarship allows $300.00 per year for two years to a student who has completed one year and stands in the top third of his class. This academic rank must be continued if the student is to receive the second portion.

The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists offers four $200.00 scholarships to students from Massachusetts who are in the top half of their classes and who intend to practice in Massachusetts.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Optometric Association, together with affiliated state groups provides two $250.00 grants to students admitted through the Woman's Auxiliary. These amounts are matched by grants from the College. Similarly, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists will contribute $150.00 to a needy and worthy student in the advanced program leading to the Doctor of Optometry degree. This is also augmented by an equal amount from the College.

The Optical Wholesale Association of New England provides both an undergraduate scholarship of $375.00 and a graduate scholarship of $300.00 to deserving students who reside in New England.

Other regional scholarships are the Henry L. Battalin Award of $200.00 to an eligible student from Connecticut; and the New York Alumni Tuition Scholarships (two of $250.00) to New York residents who are needy and worthy, and who have completed at least one year of the professional curriculum.

Completing the scholarship picture is the Young Contact Lens Scholarship, which is given to a deserving student in the Doctoral Program.

The Faculty Committee, which considers scholarship and loan applications has also the pleasant duty of awarding, among others, the Alumni Association Plaque to that member of the graduating class who has achieved the most outstanding scholastic AND extra-curricular record. On June 4, 1965, this plaque will be awarded to Glen A. Gulezian of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

As a final note, working scholarships which will benefit both the student and the Alumni Association are being established.

Dr. Green addresses Alumni Luncheon for last time in the capacity of Dean of the College.

Drs. Hochstadt (left) and Namias in deep discourse.

Amongst the alumni's guests were this group which included (in the center foreground going clockwise) Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd French, Mrs. Alton Lamont, Mrs. Donald Horley, unidentified guest, Mrs. Maurice Saval, Mrs. Otto Hochstadt, unidentified guest, and just visible Mrs. Ralph Green & daughter, Beverly. Mrs. Lloyd French is the former Joyce Green.

Association President, Don Horley, comments on the year's progress.

This table included both alumni, alumna, and MCO faculty members. L. to R. Drs. Harold Cline and Marshall Mark, Mrs. & Dr. Samuel Wasserman, Dr. Amelia Rodd.

Dr. Green introduces his daughter, Beverly.

PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI - by Don Horley

We recently received a generous check from Dr. Richard C. Dexter and Dr. Joseph W. Alger of Keene, N. H. These moneys will be included in the "Student Lounge Fund." This fund now is sufficient to begin the necessary alterations to provide the MCO students an improved recreational lounge facility.

Please help us by notifying the alumni office at the College of any change of address that occurs. We are constantly editing and updating our mailing list, but can only keep it up to date with your assistance.

The Back Bay area has heard a lot from our school lately — the church next door which the College recently purchased has been demolished — what a racket! The brick walls proved to be much, much thicker than the demolition company estimated. It required much longer and the use of much heavier equipment to demolish the edifice than had been realized. However, it's put a "new face on the same old place." The Trustees have leased the land to a parking company, but to date we have no firm building plans.

The most recent meeting of the Officers, Directors, and Advisors of your Alumni Association was a dinner meeting. We, together with the graduating class at MCO were guests of the American Optical Company at the annual A. O.'s Senior Class dinner. As president of your Alumni Association I welcomed the graduating class as members of the alumni and urged their support and membership in the Association. Following the dinner meeting we adjourned to a separate room and conducted a rather lengthy business meeting. It was with deep and profound regret that we accepted the resignation of Dr. Frank Kozol as an officer of the Alumni Association. Frank felt that fourteen years of service was enough and that personal pressures were making it very, very difficult for him to continue as Treasurer. The Officers and Directors then proceeded to elect Dr. Robert Shulman as Treasurer to fill out the unexpired term left vacant.

I'm sure that I voice the sentiments of every alumnus when I extend to Frank Kozol our heartfelt thanks for a job extremely well done over the years, he certainly has had the best interests of the Alumni Association in mind at all times.

It came as an unexpected surprise to the officers of the Alumni Association as well as it must have to each of the alumni to hear of Dr. Ralph Green's decision to retire as Dean of M.C.O. I know that you will all want to attend a testimonial dinner given in his honor (see details elsewhere in this issue). He has done so very, very much to improve our College.

Please return your subscription to the Testimonial Banquet Committee. Remember the date, June 16, 1965 at the Chestnut Hill Country Club.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . . . . .

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SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Each year at the national AOA Congress your Alumni Association plans to have a luncheon meeting. This year the luncheon will be held at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans on Tuesday, June 29. The speaker for this luncheon will be the new Dean at the College. He has agreed to explain to those present his plans and program for continued progress at MCO.

Reservations for this luncheon should be made by sending your reservation to the Alumni office at the College.

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